

**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
 Stefan B. EDLUND et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3628  
 Serial No.: 09/417,065 )  
 Filed: October 13, 1999 ) Examiner: Nga B. NGUYEN  
 For: *AUTOMATED PURCHASING AGENT* )  
*SYSTEM AND METHOD* )

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

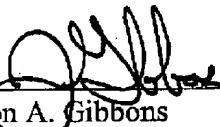
Sir:

In accordance with Rule 1.136, Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner for an extension of time extending to April 4, 2003 the period for response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2003. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the \$110.00 extension fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1556.

If it should be determined that a longer extension is required to prevent this application from becoming abandoned, or for any other reason an insufficient fee has been paid, please charge any insufficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-1556.

Respectfully submitted,

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